

REMARKS

In response to the Election requirement and the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment, applicants elect the article claims of Group 11 (Claims 7-22).

In response to the Restriction requirement, applicants would like to respectfully point out that the Examiner has stated that each of Figures 21, 22 and 23 show independent species. However Figure 22 is a perspective view of the sensor shown in Figure 21. See Paragraphs [0032] and [0033]. In an effort to respond, it is pointed out that both optical and mechanical sensors are disclosed. Between these two different sensors, applicants elect to prosecute those claims directed to a mechanical sensor. Claims 7, 9 and 13, as now amended, are generic to both types. On the other hand, and consistent with the election, claims 12 -19 are readable on the elected species. In the event the Examiner disagrees with the foregoing he is courteously requested to call the undersigned to minimize the Examiner's time.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ernest A. Beutler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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